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Sir:

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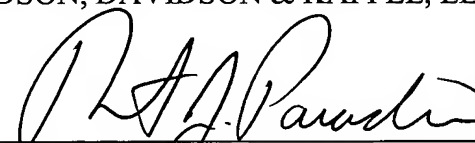
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It is respectfully requested that the references cited in the accompanying PTO-1449 form be considered and made of record. It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are patentable over all of the references made of record at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	A01	US 4,033,133	Jul. 5, 1977	HOUSEMAN et al.	60	606	
	A02	US 4,820,594	Apr. 11, 1989	SUGITA et al.	429	17	
	A03	US 6,231,831	May 15, 2001	AUTENRIETH et al.	423	648.1	
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	A13	WO 99/31012	Jun. 24, 1999	WO - WIPO			Corresponds to US 6,383,468; English abstract	
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